

Social and Personal

Richmond society was much interested yesterday in the golden wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hickson, whose marriage took place at the home of the bride in this city, December 21, 1833, the Rev. Dr. Jeter, at that time being the officiating clergyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickson removed from Richmond to Canada, and thence to the Bermudas. From the Bermudas they returned to Danville, Va., and within the last year, they have come back to Richmond. They are now established at No. 1612 Park Avenue, where the golden wedding reception was held yesterday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock.

The reception was preceded by the baptism of the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Hickson, Thomas Martin, Jr., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Martin, of Durham, N. C. The beautiful baptismal rite was impressively performed by the Rev. John T. Downman, of All Saints, in the presence of the grandparents and of the different members of their family brought together from several States by a filial desire to do honor to the anniversary.

The house was appropriately and artistically decorated in holly, mistletoe, running cedar and white flowers, white carnations and white roses, making parlors and halls fragrant and bride-like. The bride couple stood to receive the congratulations of the relatives and friends in the front parlor.

Mrs. Hickson was gowned in black velvet, worn with duchesse lace and diamonds. Her flowers were white roses. Assisting her was Mrs. W. V. Ashby Jones in white crepe and diamonds.

Mrs. T. H. Martin, in gray crepe and diamonds. Mrs. Clarence Huff, in black lace and jet.

Mrs. James I. Pritchett, in champagne crepe and pearls. Mrs. Louise Hickson, in white chiffon and diamonds.

Miss Elizabeth Hickson, in yellow chiffon.

Miss Carrie Martin, in white orquid. Among the many lovely gifts received by Mr. and Mrs. Hickson, was a purse containing five hundred dollars in gold.

The afternoon reception was followed by a handsome wedding supper given for the family at the Jefferson Hotel. The centerpiece for the table was of white carnations and roses fringed with maiden-hair ferns. Those who sat around the family board and drank the health of the bride couple included:

Mr. Joseph L. Hickson, Jr., and Miss Dorothy Hickson, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. James I. Pritchett, of Danville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Martin, of Durham, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Ashby Jones and Ashby Jones, Jr., of Ware Neck, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Huff and Mr. Clarence Huff, of Raleigh, N. C.; Mr. Frank H. Hickson, of St. Michael's, Alaska; Mr. J. Cecil Hickson, and Miss Louise Hickson, of Richmond; Mr. William Hickson, Jr., of South Carolina.

It rarely happens that a golden wedding anniversary is kept with such happy roundings and so complete a reunion of those whose presence makes it a life-long remembrance of joy.

The fact that Mr. and Mrs. Hickson will make their future home here is a distinct source of pleasure to their many Richmond friends.

Puller-Smith. The Charleston Daily Mail, of Charleston, W. Va., contains the following account of the wedding of Miss Mary Taylor Smith, of that city, to Mr. Edward Powell Puller, of Richmond, which took place in Charleston on Thursday last. The account says:

The marriage of Miss Mary Taylor Smith to Mr. Edward Powell Puller, which was solemnized Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Mary Swann, on Kanawha Street, was one of the most attractive and beautiful home weddings of this season.

Rev. Dr. Douglas Rollier officiated. The wedding march was artistically rendered by Miss Josephine Hanford. The groom, accompanied by his best man, Mr. Jenkins, of Richmond, Va., entered the parlor first, and was followed by Mrs. Henry Huling, sister of the bride, as matron of honor. The bride came next with her father, Mr. Samuel Smith, and last, daintily in the Miss Mildred Foster, bearing the ring on a tray of violets. The bride wore a most becoming going-away gown of champagne cloth, with tail to match, and carried violet, Mr. and Mrs. Puller left at 6:30 for Washington and other Eastern cities. After a visit to the groom's family in Richmond, Va., they will go to Shreveport, La., where they will make their future home. Among the out-of-town visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilson, of Huntington; Misses Verna Veazey, Margaret Frazier, Sallie and Mary Bailey, Gertrude Roelke, and Mr. C. N. Coleman, of Pratt.

The engagement of Miss Lily Upshur, the daughter of Mr. Walter F. and the late Lily Lottier Upshur, to Mr. Robert S. Christian, Jr., is announced, the wedding to take place February 15th.

Out-of-town announcements in which Richmond society is interested have to do with the wedding of Miss Mary Sells Lannahan to Mr. Charles Warren Leland, of Chicago, the wedding to take place January 6th in the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Charles M. Lannahan, of Baltimore.

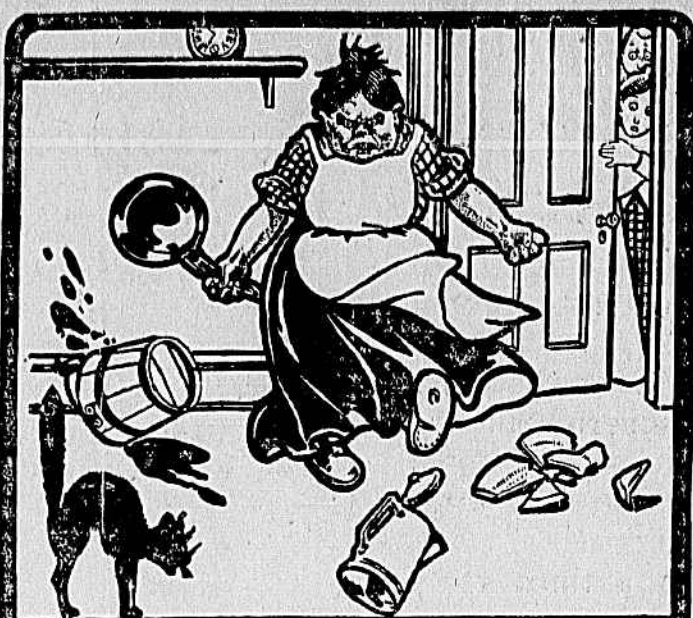
And with the marriage of Miss Carolyn Lucella Claybaugh to Captain M. Garner Spinks, United States army, the ceremony to be performed Friday, December 26th, in Boundary Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Richmond Assembly Dance. The Richmond Assembly gave its first dance in the Masonic Temple last evening with Mr. John Parrish leading, with fine music and a beautiful gathering.

The officers of the club are: Mr. Robert Blankenship, president; Mr. John L. de Traville, secretary and treasurer; Messrs. Pollard, Cardozo, Pope, Nash, Harold Temple Burnley and Leslie Reed compose the Board of Governors.

The chaperones are: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blankenship, Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Temple Burnley, Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart M. Woodward and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander H. Sands.

Those present last evening were: Miss Marion Elise Parkinson, Mr. John L. de Traville, Miss Ruth Hubbard, Mr. Stuart Leake.



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Miss Lillian Rinford, Mr. W. R. Turner.

Miss Anne Morris, Mr. Robert Whitehurst.

Miss Helen Stevens, Mr. Newton Vaughan.

Miss Edith Grant, Mr. Leslie Reed.

Miss Fontaine, Mr. James Drake.

Miss Brander, Mr. William Cooke.

Miss Nancy Cooke, Mr. Donald Boyd.

Mr. Marshall.

Miss Gladys Frazier, Mr. Latimer O'Grady.

Mrs. George W. Stevens, Mr. Stevens.

Miss Lily Hill, Mr. William Kean.

Miss Margaret Watkins, Mr. Frank Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Temple Burnley.

Miss Sophie White, Mr. Pollard Cardozo.

Mr. Edwin Hay, of Washington.

Miss Lily Pegram, Mr. Boyd Bland.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Woodward.

Mr. W. B. Watkins, Mr. J. B. Applesh.

Mr. Charles McVeigh, Mr. N. W. Hubbard.

Debutante Reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Hamilton, of West Franklin Street, will give a debutante reception from 9 to 11 on the evening of December 30th, in honor of Miss Ruth Hubbard, one of the most attractive debutantes of this season.

Woman's Club.

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Mrs. Virginia Hall poured tea, and Miss Mary Warren, chocolate.

The Christmas celebration of Brook Avenue Sewing School, which was appointed for Monday afternoon of December 23th, is postponed to Thursday afternoon, December 31st, at 4 o'clock sharp. Parents of the girls are cordially invited to be present.

Personal Mention.

Cadet W. D. A. Anderson, of the United States Military Academy, at West Point, N. Y., will spend Christmas with his parents, Attorney-General and Mrs. William A. Anderson, at No. 108 North Fifth Street.

Having six days' furlough, he leaves West Point Wednesday, December 23d, and reports for duty at West Point Tuesday, December 29th, spending the intervening days in this city.

Miss Mary Lou Tucker, of Danville, Va., will be the Christmas guest of Miss Daisy Dickinson, No. 206 South Third Street.

Miss Emma Grasswitt, of No. 230 East Franklin Street, has returned home after a pleasant visit to relatives and friends in Surry and Prince George counties.

Miss Anna Aylott Anderson will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Attorney-General and Mrs. William A. Anderson, of No. 108 North Fifth Street. She will arrive Monday night, December 23th.

Mr. J. Cooper Lacy, the youngest son of Mr. J. B. Lacy, has gone with the torpedo fleet to the Philippines.

Captain and Mrs. J. H. Oliver will be at home informally and be very pleased to receive their friends on December 29th, from 8 to 11 P. M., in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

A Walking Locomotive.

B. J. Diplock, an Englishman, has devised a walking locomotive, which is expected to revolutionize all present forms of road traction. The spokes of the wheel extend beyond the rim, and on the end of these are fastened what look like clubs or elephant feet. They are made of rubber and rest on spiral springs. It is said that the "petrol," as it is called, can climb the steepest hills, walk over large stones and large pieces of timber, and can pass over ruts and soft ground with the greatest ease.

DAILY FASHION HINTS.

LADIES' APRON.

No. 614.—A pretty little apron that is both useful and ornamental, is shown here, made up in pongee and red ribbon. It is designed for a sewing apron and the pockets, separated by the ribbon, afford places for thread, scissors and a place to keep the work. How much hand-



dier it would be to have such an apron as this, fitted with embroidery things and when one wanted to sit down and embroider for an hour, half that time would not be lost in looking for scissors, thread, etc.

This practical little apron would make a nice present for the girl or woman who sews. It would be charming made up in dotted Swiss, with ribbon-run heading, although pongee is very pretty and looks well when combined with red, light blue, lavender or brown. By changing the color of ribbon, one might make a number of these, and yet none would look alike. One size only.

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AN OPERATION WITH NO PARALLEL

(By Associated Press.)

SIoux CITY, IOWA, December 21.—An operation having no parallel in the surgical world was performed at St. Joseph's Hospital to-day by Dr. William Jepson, who has the chair of surgery at the State University, John Norstrom, of Danbury, Conn., fell from a lead of hay, striking on his head and breaking his neck. He has been almost paralyzed for weeks, and Dr. Jepson decided to operate on his broken neck. Accordingly a portion of the third cervical vertebra was removed the false growth of tissue was cleaned out and the bone replaced. The patient is doing well, with every prospect of recovery.

Operations have been performed for the relief of a dislocation of the lumbar vertebrae, but no other case is known in which the corvical vertebrae, situated so near the medulla oblongata, the seat of the vital bodily functions, has been successfully removed and replaced.

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POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot Norton.

No. 61.

Saint Brandan.

BY MATTHEW ARNOLD.

Matthew Arnold was born at Laleham, Eng., December, 1822, and died at Liverpool April 15, 1888. A sketch of his life has already been published in this series. The poem we print to-day is based on an old legend of the early Church in Ireland.



SAINT BRANDAN sails the northern main;
The brotherhoods of saints are glad.
He greets them once, he sails again;
So late!—such storms!—The Saint is mad!

He heard, across the howling seas,
Chime convent-bells on wintry nights;
He saw, on spray-swept Hebrides,
Twinkle the monastery-lights;

But north, still north Saint Brandan steer'd—
And now no bells, no convents more!
The huddling Polar lights are near'd,
The sea without a human shore.

At last!—(it was the Christmas night;
Stars shone after a day of storm)—
He sees float past an iceberg white,
And on it—Christ!—a living form.

That furtive mien, that scowling eye,
Of hair that red and tufted fell—
It is—Oh, where shall Brandan fly?
The traitor Judas, out of hell!

Falsed with terror, Brandan sate;
The moon was bright, the iceberg near.
He hears a voice sigh humbly: "Wait!
By high permission I am here.

"One moment wait, thou holy man!
On earth my crime, my death, they knew;
My name is under all men's ban—
Ah, tell them of my respite too!

"Tell them, one blessed Christmas-night—
(It was the first after I came,
Breathing self-murder, frenzy, spite,
To rue my guilt in endless flame)—

"I felt, as I in torment lay
Mid the souls plagued by heavenly power,
An angel touch mine arm, and say:
Go hence, and cool thyself an hour!

"Ah, whence this mercy, Lord?" I said
The Leper recollect, said he,
Who ask'd the passers-by for aid,
In Joppa, and thy charity.

"Then I remember'd how I went,
In Joppa, through the public street,
One morn when the sirocco spent
Its storms of dust with burning heat;

"And in the street a leper sate,
Shivering with fever, naked, old;
Sank raked his sores from heel to pate,
The hot wind fever'd him fire-fold.

"He gazed upon me as I pass'd
And murmur'd: 'Help me, or I die—
To the poor wretch my cloak I cast,
Saw him look eased, and hurried by.

"Oh, Brandan, think what grace divine,
What blessing must full goodness shower
When fragment of it small, like mine,
Hath such inestimable power!

"Well-fed, well-clothed, well-friended, I
Did that chance act of good, that one!
Then went my way to kill and lie—
Forgot my good as soon as done.

"That germ of kindness, in the womb
Of mercy caught, did not expire;
Outlives my guilt, outlives my doom,
And friends me in the pit of fire.

"Once every year, when carols wake,
On earth, the Christmas-night's repose,
Arising from the sinner's lake,
I journey to these healing snows.

"I stanch with ice my burning breast,
With silence balm my whirling brain.
O Brandan! to this hour of rest
That Joppa leper's ease was pain."

Tears started to Saint Brandan's eyes;
He bow'd his head, he breathed a prayer—
Then look'd, and lo, the frosty skies!
The iceberg, and no Judas there!



This series began in the Times-Dispatch Sunday Oct. 11, 1903. One is published each day.

OF HUMAN INTEREST; STORIES OF THE DAY

A Satisfactory Obituary.

One of the New York papers printed a half-column obituary of J. L. Mott, a well known citizen, says the Saturday Evening Post. Mr. Mott saw the obituary on the morning it was printed and was perplexed. He took the paper and went down to the editorial rooms. After much talk he got in to see the city editor.

"I came to see if you can tell me anything about this," said Mr. Mott humbly.

"About what?" asked the city editor raspingly. He took the paper and read the article hurriedly. "It seems to be an obituary notice of one J. L. Mott," he said.

"What's the matter with it?" asked Mr. Mott. "I know of it," answered Mr. Mott. "But I want to know how it came about."

"Come about? Why, the man died, I suppose. We don't usually print obituaries of living men."

Mr. Mott was impressed. "Probably not," he said, "but you did this time. The city editor made many apologies; 'We will print a correction if you like,' he announced."

"No," said Mr. Mott, after hesitating. "Let it go as it is. I'll show it to people when they try to borrow money of me."

The Botherome Gender. W. B. Yeats, the Irish poet, talking to reporters in Philadelphia, told them that America reminded him of France. The comparison of the Quaker town to Paris must be a delight to the Philadelphians. But perhaps Mr. Yeats mentioned the likeness only to tell a story. He said that

the clear air and gay sunlight made him imagine himself in Paris, so that he was bitten under the impulse to enter the American shops and ask the price of things in each French shop.

"My French is very bad," he explained. "I have no doubt it is as bad as the English of a Frenchman whom I met in Paris once."

"I had told this Frenchman that a young lady whom we both knew was ill. He became sympathetic."

"She is ill?" he said. "But is too bad. And what is the matter?"

"What is the matter?" said J. "Oh, I see. You mean 'What is the matter?' 'Ah, but,' objected the Frenchman, 'is not not of so feminine gender as we speak?'"

Richmonders in New York. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Everett Allen E. Armstrong, Miss A. Holbrook; Lincoln, R. Brown and wife.

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